**Overall Findings**

Our analysis for this question shows distinct patterns in legislators’ community and policy focus. We summarize the results in the table below:

| **Group** | **Unique Defining Characteristic** | **Members** | **Size** |
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| **0** | **Housing & Protection Focus** – Emphasizes *housing* and *protection* alongside public health. | Jason M. Lewis, Marjorie C. Decker, Ruth B. Balser, Jennifer E. Benson, Kenneth I. Gordon, Carolyn C. Dykema, Louis L. Kafka, Lori A. Ehrlich, Frank I. Smizik, Peter V. Kocot, Sarah K. Peake, John W. Scibak | 12 |
| **1** | **Service-Oriented Programs** – Stands out with *services* and *program* focus. | Jay D. Livingstone, Kevin G. Honan, Edward F. Coppinger | 3 |
| **2** | **Strong Public Safety & Promotion** – Unique emphasis on *protect* and *promote*. | Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Christine P. Barber, David Paul Linsky | 3 |
| **3** | **COVID-19 Concern** – The only group explicitly mentioning *COVID*. | Kay Khan, Denise Provost, Mary S. Keefe, Patricia D. Jehlen, Jonathan Hecht | 5 |
| **4** | **Town & Housing Focus** – The only group highlighting *town* alongside *housing*. | Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Natalie M. Higgins, Jack Patrick Lewis, Mike Connolly, Rebecca L. Rausch, Tommy Vitolo, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, James K. Hawkins, David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Carlos González, Joanne M. Comerford, Tram T. Nguyen, Brian W. Murray, Adrian C. Madaro, Maria Duaime Robinson, Michelle L. Ciccolo, Tami L. Gouveia, Mindy Domb, Peter Capano, David Allen Robertson, Natalie M. Blais, Marcos A. Devers | 22 |
| **5** | **Health & Safety Core** – General alignment but strong *safety* and *protection* presence. | Elizabeth A. Malia, Steven Ultrino, Daniel J. Ryan, Alice Hanlon Peisch, John H. Rogers | 5 |
| **6** | **Children's Welfare Priority** – Stands out with *children* in addition to *services & programs*. | Michael D. Brady, Paul W. Mark, Diana DiZoglio, Tackey Chan, Joseph W. McGonagle Jr., Frank A. Moran | 6 |
| **7** | **Education & State-Level Policies** – Highlights *school* and *state* policy concerns. | David M. Rogers, Sean Garballey | 2 |
| **8** | **Balanced & Generalist Approach** – Covers all key topics without any highly unique keywords. | James J. O'Day, Daniel M. Donahue, Antonio F. D. Cabral | 3 |
| **9** | **Program-Centric Approach** – *Program* appears uniquely high in the ranking. | Chris Walsh, Paul R. Heroux, Michelle M. DuBois, Barbara A. L'Italien, José F. Tosado, Aaron Vega, Danielle W. Gregoire, Kate Hogan, John J. Lawn Jr. | 9 |
| **10** | **Strong Promotion & Protection** – Prioritizes *promote* and *protect* together. | James B. Eldridge, Sal N. DiDomenico, Thomas M. Stanley, Michael O. Moore, Patrick M. O'Connor, Michael J. Barrett, Walter F. Timilty, Anne M. Gobi, Brendan P. Crighton | 9 |
| **11** | **Service & Safety Advocacy** – Strong focus on *services* and *safety*. | Paul McMurtry, Denise C. Garlick, James Arciero, William C. Galvin | 4 |
| **12** | **Emphasis on Protection & Promotion** – Mirrors Group 2 but broader. | Julian Cyr | 1 |
| **13** | **Program & Education-Driven** – *Program* is emphasized along with education. | Susan Williams Gifford, Steven S. Howitt, Todd M. Smola, Elizabeth A. Poirier, Bruce E. Tarr, Kimberly N. Ferguson, Brian M. Ashe, Angelo J. Puppolo Jr., Hannah Kane, Mathew J. Muratore, Angelo L. D'Emilia, Colleen M. Garry, Josh S. Cutler, Bradley H. Jones Jr., James J. Dwyer, Carole A. Fiola | 16 |

While most legislators align closely with their cooperative groups, some individuals exhibit notable deviations in their policy priorities. Especially in larger groups (such as Group 7 and Group 8), there is a tendency for certain individuals to diverge significantly from their group's primary focus. We believe that identifying these discrepancies provides insight into potential special interests and independent policy agendas. These deviations may indicate legislators pursuing issue areas outside their group due to district-specific concerns, cross-party cooperation, or external influences such as lobbying and political alliances.